## MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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## SUPREME COURT ISSUES JUDICIAL BRANCH'S 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

LANSING, MI, April 14, 2006 - The Michigan Supreme Court today released its annual report for 2005. The report, which includes such statistics as numbers of cases filed in Michigan's courts, also features key accomplishments and programs of the Michigan judicial branch.

"The annual report is a resource for anyone interested in Michigan's justice system," said Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor. "It provides an overview of the issues facing the Michigan judicial branch."

The report opens with highlights of 2005, including child welfare, child support enforcement, technology and the courts, the Michigan Hall of Justice Learning Center, and court security issues.

A detailed review of Michigan's court system follows. The report provides 2005 statistics for each level of the state judiciary: Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, Probate Court, District Court, Court of Claims, and Municipal Court. Charts showing caseload trends and maps of court districts are featured in the report, as are discussions of each court's function. The report also lists judges for each court.

The annual report is available on the "One Court of Justice" website at <a href="http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/statistics/2005/2005execsum.pdf">http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/statistics/2005/2005execsum.pdf</a>.

Additional statistics are available at http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/reports/statistics.htm.